

MINUTES FOR LEECHWELL GARDEN ASSOCIATION MEETING

Monday 22nd February 2010 2.30pm, Leechwell Cottage

PRESENT: Ed Vidler (Chair) Jeannette Willington, David Mitchell, Janet Mitchell, Robert Vint, Jim Carfrae, Wendy Reid, Shirley Prendergast (Sec) Thanks to Dave and Janet for venue and hospitality.

1. APOLOGIES: Sue Holmes, Jackie Francis, and Alex Whish

2. MINUTES of LGA MEETING February 8th 2010: agreed

3. MATTERS ARISING:

Sue has invited Phillip as observer to the next LGA Committee meeting on March 8th

Noted that 5K Public Art money has not yet been received by SHDC

4. MATTERS ARISING (Special CS Application Meeting)

- Extension to Community Spaces Phase 2 funding application formally granted, submission date now the end of April.
- We must have all questions on the form finalised and agreed by Jowanna by mid April. Most questions now allocated and some responses already drafted - see item 6 below.
- We can 'lose' VAT if any of our expenditure on specific garden items is channelled through SHDC, a valuable saving of funds.
- The usual SHDC '3 quotes rule' is waived if any individual item is under 10K, or is a unique piece of art work from a specific artist (ie not replicable like for like)

4. GARDEN PROGRESS:

Phase 1 construction work in the garden is proceeding well (see pictures on the website)

Jim and others expressed concern about colour of the stone in herb garden wall being rather blueish and not the colour we asked for. **JC will contact CR**

The eucalypt trunk has now been moved. It will be integrated into the play area, together with the other trunk. **JC will check correct position.**

JC noted that the stone walling for the Devon Banks looked very well constructed. The walls were almost complete.

5. THE POOL:

We are now moving ahead with the pool. Shane Maddison has gained EH permission to divert the water and empty the pool so that the interior can be inspected. Alex has organised this with SWH and the diversion is now in place (see Dave's picture on the website).

Phil MacMahon from EH, Shane and Richard Gage SHDC will inspect the (hopefully!) empty pool on March 9th. Their findings will shape decisions about how the water will enter the restored pool and how to proceed with the next stage of the SMC process.

6. FUNDING TIMETABLE:

We have 10 weeks left to prepare final funding application- completed form must have been agreed by Jowanna by mid April. To date 10 questions completed and rest allocated as follows:

Q11. Consultation- DM Based on material from DOS and DIG and any new info from March consultation still to come

Q12. Needs of Community -RV. To be based on existing research from SHDC.

Q13. Identified needs of community- RV.

Q14. Benefit- DM/SP

Q15. ????

Q16. Volunteers- JCW

Q17. Organisations- WR

Q18. Project Timetable- JF

7. AOB

CONSULTATION: Shirley and Wendy have organised further feedback on design of the Garden.

- The plan is to send out invitations to view the garden plans and fill in a comments form. People can see the plans and other info in two ways- either on display at Totnes Library from March 8-13th, or on the LGA Website where Dave will set up an interactive online comments form. **DM**
- Invitations will be sent online to members of local groups ie TTT. TOTSOC etc and delivered to:
- 400 households in the area, parents at Grove School and Daisy Playgroup, senior residents at Birdwood, the Church and other locations. **WR will organise delivery with volunteers.**
- Return date for comments is March 17th. Gill Dunne will do an analysis of the returns so info can be incorporated into the CS funding application
- A draft invitation and revised comments form will be circulated this week **SP**
- We will need to revise the garden design re access and the labelling of the pool area (to indicate that it will be open to public once restoration work complete) **JC**

TDT PROJECT MANAGER Ed reported that the Development Trust have applied for funds to appoint a project manager who (if funded) may have some time available to work with the LGA

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: **Monday 8th March, 3.00pm, Dave and Janet Mitchell's house**